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For DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING ONE PIECE MECHANICAL  
FASTENING SYSTEM

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Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application prior to examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 10, line 16 to read as follows:

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In the illustrated embodiments, and as described herein, the outer cover has been shown to consist substantially of a single piece of material. However, the invention also contemplates the outer cover being provided by more than one piece of material. For example the outer cover may also include a pair of ears 19 (Fig. 1) that can extend in the lateral direction from the side edges of the diaper in one of the waist regions. In the various configurations of the invention, the ears 19 may be integrally formed with a selected diaper component. For example, the ears 19 can be integrally formed from the layer of material that provides the outer cover, or